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SUBJECT: R/V KNORR CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR 5-30 MAY 1976

1. R/V KNORR, OPERATED BY THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND ENERGY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE NORTH SEA DURING 5-30 MAY 1976. THE PURPOSE OF THE CRUISE IS TO CONDUCT WATER SAMPLING, SHALLOW SEDIMENT CORING, AND PLANKTON COLLECTING IN SUPPORT OF FLEX 76 (FLADEN GROUND EXPERIMENT), AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM. SOME OF THE CORING WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF NORWAY AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. ALL OTHER WORK WILL BE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

2. DATA SAMPLES TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDE: SALINITY,
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TEMPERATURE, OXYGEN, PHOSPHATE, SILICATE, NEPHELOMETRY,

WATER CHEMISTRY, PLANKTON, AND SEDIMENTS TO BE TESTED FOR TRACE ELEMENTS AND NATURAL RADIONUCLIDE FALL OUT. EQUIPMENT TO BE UTILIZED INCLUDES: CORERS, PLANKTON TOWS, CTD'S, 12 KHZ ECHO SOUNDER-PGR, AND NISKIN AND BODMAN WATER SAMPLERS.

3. R/V KNORR IS 1849 GROSS TONS, 245 FEET LONG, AND HAS A 16 FOOT DRAFT. SHIP'S MASTER IS EMERSON HILLER AND THERE IS A CREW OF 27 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 23. SHIP'S CALL SIGN IS KCEJ AND SHIP MONITORS STANDARD EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES.

4. DR. DEREK W. SPENCER OF WOODS HOLE IS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST AND THERE IS ROOM FOR TWO FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS ON THE CRUISE. ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE FREELY SHARED WITH THE HOST COUNTRIES.

5. THE CRUISE BEGINS IN OSTEND, BELGIUM AND ENDS IN REYKJAVIK, ICELAND. A CRUISE TRACK AND ITINERARY WILL BE SENT VIA AIRGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE FORM TITLED "NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED RESEARCH CRUISE" HAS BEEN FILLED IN AND IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE UK.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSIES SEEK CLEARANCE FOR THE R/V KNORR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELVES OF NORWAY AND UK FOR THE PERIOD 5-30 MAY 1976. KISSINGER

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